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SUBJECT:CONSULTATIONS WITH HMG ON WESTERN HEMISPHERE ISSUES

1. THE WORLD BANK HAS ARRANGED A MEETING OF POTENTIAL DONORS TO THE CARIBBEAN GROUP FOR COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN PARIS ON MAY 16. US DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN A BUSHNELL, ABELARDO L. VALDEZ, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, AID/LA, AND ASHLEY C. HEWITT, JR., DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CARIBBEAN AFFAIRS. FOLLOWING THE PARIS MEETING, USDEL PLANS TO TRAVEL TO LONDON FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE AND OTHER OFFICIALS ON A WIDE RANGE OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE PROBLEMS AND ISSUES. FYI: ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN HAS HAD FOR SOME TIME A STANDING INVITATION TO VISIT LONDON AND CONSULT ON WESTERN HEMISPHERE QUESTIONS. FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE
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THIS SPRING, BUT UNFORTUNATELY AMBASSADOR TODMAN'S SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT HIM TO TRAVEL TO EUROPE DURING THIS PERIOD. END FYI.

2. USDEL WILL CONSULT WITH THE BRITISH DELEGATION TO THE PARIS MEETING ON CARIBBEAN GROUP MATTERS, BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH JUDITH HART OR OFFICIALS OF HER

MINISTRY IN LONDON ON THE CARIBBEAN GROUP OR OTHER

ASSISTANCE RELATED MATTERS. VALDEZ IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HAVING A TOUR D'HORIZON ON ASSISTANCE MATTERS IN THE HEMISPHERE WITH APPROPRIATE BRITISH OFFICIALS.

3. BUSHNELL, AS PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN ARA AND FREQUENTLY IN CHARGE OF THE BUREAU FOR LENGTHY PERIODS, IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE FULL RANGE OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE ISSUES WITH FONOFF OR OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS DESIRED. SPECIFICALLY, HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EXCHANGING VIEWS ON THE CARIBBEAN, CUBA, BELIZE, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA AND CHILE, IN ADDITION TO ANY TOPICS UK SIDE MIGHT WISH TO RAISE.

4. HEWITT IS INTERESTED IN TALKING TO FONOFF AND DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIALS ON US BASE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, TURKS AND CAICOS, AND CONCERNING THE COAST GUARD OMEGA STATION IN TRINIDAD. HE IS ALSO PREPARED TO DISCUSS MARITIME BOUNDARY AND FISHERY ISSUES BETWEEN THE US AND THE BAHAMAS. HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING BRITISH PLANS FOR INDEPENDENCE OF ISLANDS IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN AND COMPARING NOTES ON THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY SITUATION THERE, AND IN JAMAICA AND GUYANA.

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5. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND DETERMINE IF THE TIMING OF THE VISIT IS CONVENIENT AND, IF SO, ARRANGE A SCHEDULE AND AGENDA. CLEARLY IN THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ALL THREE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION TO ATTEND ALL APPOINTMENTS OR MEETINGS. WHERE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE, EMBASSY SHOULD FEEL FREE TO ARRANGE SEPARATE SCHEDULES FOR DELEGATION MEMBERS. HOWEVER, WHERE TIME PERMITS IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF MEMBERS NOT OTHERWISE OCCUPIED ATTEND MEETINGS ARRANGED AROUND THE PARTICULAR INTEREST OR CONCERN OF OTHERS. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ALL THREE OFFICIALS TO ATTEND A MEETING WITH ROWLANDS, WHOM WE ASSUME WILL HAVE RETURNED FROM THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT OF COSTA RICA BY THAT TIME.

6. THE GROUP WILL PRESUMABLY TRAVEL FROM PARIS TO LONDON ON MAY 17 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS MAY 18-19. WE WILL SUPPLY DETAILED TRAVEL PLANS LATER. EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS; HOTEL BRITANNIA OR SIMILAR FOR BUSHNELL AND VALDEZ, AND HOTEL ST. JAMES FOR HEWITT.

7. BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (MILLINGTON) HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE POSSIBLE VISIT.

8. JUDITH HART HAS PASSED BUSHNELL MESSAGE THROUGH EMBASSY HERE THAT SHE ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO SEEING HIM BEFORE PARIS MEETING. BUSHNELL HAS REPLIED THAT HE COULD BE AVAILABLE IN LONDON ON SUNDAY OR MONDAY MORNING BUT MUST ARRIVE PARIS FOR BILATERALS ON MONDAY AFTERNOON. HART REPORTEDLY NOT PLANNING ON ATTENDING PARIS MEETING. VANCE

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